

PEDIATRICS ON-LINE

Each quarter "Pediatrics On-line" features new, unusual or topical Internet websites of interest to pediatric professionals. Below is this quarter's featured list.

If you would like to recommend a website to your colleagues, please call the Gerber Professional Information Line at 1-800-595-0324, or write Gerber Products Company, 445 State St., Fremont MI 49413-0001.



The Cochrane Library

The Cochrane Library's Database of Systematic Reviews is a rapidly growing collection of regularly updated, reviews of evidence-based medicine. Abstracts of Cochrane Reviews are available without charge and can be browsed or searched. The site also features the Cochrane Controlled Trials Register, an international effort to hand search the world's journals and create an unbiased source of data for systematic reviews. CCTR includes reports published in conference proceedings and other sources not currently listed in MEDLINE or other bibliographic databases.

<http://www.cochrane.org>



National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Plug a keyword pertaining to complementary or alternative medicine into an Internet search engine and you will likely receive hits from a variety of organizations that advocate a specific therapy or treatment, but lack complete or objective information about the topic. The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is an excellent source for objective, science-based information. NCCAM's on-line database comprises approximately 180,000 bibliographic records describing much of the CAM research that has been published over the last 35 years.

<http://nccam.nih.gov/nccam>



Pathways Awareness Foundation

Parents are often the first to notice that "something is wrong" with their baby. Their baby may not lift his head, reach out, or roll over, as soon as they think he should. Or maybe their baby just doesn't seem like other babies they know. At this web site, concerned parents can download "Is My Baby Okay? Watch for These Signs," an extremely helpful brochure with clear illustrations of common movement disorders. Along with other useful information, the site features a Directory of National Toll-Free Numbers, with hot links to web sites of over 90 organizations dedicated to disabled children.

<http://www.pathwaysawareness.org>



Kidsalad

Kidsalad.com is dedicated to providing parents with tools to help make life easier, healthier and more rewarding for their families. With up-to-date pediatric health news, a consumer-friendly database, drug checker, poison control, and "Ask-the-Doc" stable of pediatric experts, Kidsalad is an invaluable resource for parents. The site also features links to a host of governmental and institutional databases with in-depth and reliable information. The site also has fun features, such as recipes, baby names, all about herbs, a special teen area, and an extensive section on complementary medicine.

<http://www.kidsalad.org>



National Immunization Program

The National Immunization Program (NIP) provides recent and accurate immunization information from the National Immunization Program, the Federal Government's principal agency for immunization policy and recommendations. You will find a wide range of immunization information including information about vaccine preventable diseases, the benefits of immunization, and the risks of immunization vs. the risk of disease. In addition, you will find a wide range of educational fact sheets and resources, including information on vaccine safety and side effects.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip>



Children With Disabilities

This beautifully produced, informative web site provides children with disabilities and their parents access to a wide range of Federal, State, local, and national resources. It contains material about a broad array of developmental, physical, and emotional disabilities, including learning disabilities, debilitating illnesses, and physical challenges. The site also provides assistance for children whose healthy development is threatened by social factors, such as poverty and abuse. Here families, service providers, and other interested individuals will find helpful information about advocacy, education, employment, health, housing, recreation, technical assistance, and transportation.

<http://www.childrenwithdisabilities.ncjrs.org>



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